



**January 5, 2022**

## **“Build Back Better Act” Stalls In Senate – Congress in Recess**

As previously reported, in late November the House passed the \$1.9T Build Back Better (BBB) bill in partisan fashion. It was not acted on in the Senate by the end of the year and Congress is now in recess.

On Dec. 16, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released its title to the Senate’s version (whatever that becomes) of the BBB. In addition to the authorized funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), this measure includes \$9B for SDWSRF-funded lead remediation projects, \$225M for rural and low-income water assistance grants, \$125M for Alternative Water Source Program grants, and \$500M for sewer overflow and storm water reuse municipal grants.

Highlights of the Senate Finance proposed tax title are enclosed in the attached report from Key Advocates. Although not “infrastructure” in nature, these proposed tax provisions may be of interest to your members from a corporate perspective.

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework: Summary of 2022 Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Funds (SRFs) by States, Tribes, and Territories**

We reported last month that EPA Administrator Regan issued notice ([here](#)) to all states laying the groundwork for next steps with BIF funding for specific programs. National program guidance from the EPA’s Office of Water to state primacy agencies for the use of water infrastructure funding through the BIF is pending. We await this guidance and will report once available.

Included in this letter are estimated 2022 state allotments of BIF funds through the SRFs – significant resources that we know will go a long way toward achieving our shared goals. The enclosure summarizes the first-year allotment of nearly \$44 billion in total SRF funding that will be provided to states, tribes, and territories over the next five years through the BIF.

We recommend you review these estimates and begin engaging your partners in state government NOW to ensure that this funding is distributed in an efficient manner on behalf of your organizations. Capacity challenges to get this money spent are to be expected and can be mitigated with proactive engagement.

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## NEW CWCC CONTRIBUTION STRUCTURE

The new CWCC contribution structure is now in effect. We appreciate everyone's attention and review as we seek to fairly distribute the financial burden of this initiative and formalize the contribution structure for future sustainability and growth.

| <u>2022 # of Members</u> | <u>Contribution Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Up to 50 Members         | \$1,500.00                 |
| 50 - 100 Members         | \$3,000.00                 |
| 100 - 150 Members        | \$5,000.00                 |
| 150 - 200 Members        | \$7,000.00                 |
| 200 Members and Above    | \$8,000.00                 |

100% of this contribution goes to Key Advocates (Sante and Brian Esposito) to support the contract we have with them. We have already resolved some niche issues related to this new structure and will continue to work with any member who has nuanced issues that need to be resolved. We will ask you to affirm your members numbers so we can invoice you appropriately in the coming weeks.

## KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to December 30, 2021.

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